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In re Application of: May et al.
Serial No: 09/899,527
Date Filed: July 5, 2001
Title: **REAL-TIME ALERT MECHANISM FOR
MONITORING AND CONTROLLING
FIELD ASSETS VIA WIRELESS AND
INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of the U.S. Non-Provisional Application Serial No.
09/899,527 filed on July 5, 2001 by James Alan May et al. entitled "***Real-Time Alert
Mechanism For Monitoring And Controlling Field Assets Via Wireless And Internet
Technologies***", please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

On Page 24, please replace the entire Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract.

An apparatus and system are disclosed for the real-time monitoring and control of
field assets. The monitoring device, operable to couple to a field asset, may be designed to
leverage one or more technologies included in the field asset or as a stand-alone unit and is
preferably operable to detect one or more error conditions thereon. The error conditions may

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